(b) Against the total release of Rs. 537.19 crores, the borrowing agencies of Maharashtra are reported to have repaid an amount of Rs. 255.11 crores to HUDCO as on 31-7-1993.

(c) As on 31.7.1993, 15 housing and urban development projects seeking HUDCO loan of Rs. 129,26 crores received from various agencies in Maharashtra are with HUDCO for process. The schemes are sanctioned by HUDCO subject to compliance of requirements as per the guidelines and availability of funds.

D.D.A. land under mafia occupation

*449. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about 1200 acres of D.D.A. land is under unauthorised occupation by builders mafia, slum dwellers, religious institutions;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what steps are being taken to reclaim these encroached lands; and

(c) whether Government are considering any plan to prevent such encroachment in the initial stage itself so that the difficulty in reclaiming the land is avoided ?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SMT. SHEILA KAUL):

(a) Delhi Development Authority has reported that about 1213 acres of Nazul II/Ministry of Rehabilitation land under D.D.A. management are under encroachment.

(b) Details of the encriachment are as under:—

Jhuggies	459	acres
Under Litigation	278	acres
Religious nature	84	acres
Others	392	acres
TOTAL :	1213	acre

During the last three years, the following encroachments were removed by the DDA :—

Year	No. of unauthorised constructions removed	land reclaimed
1990-91	6304	286 acres
1991-92	4763	261 acres
1992-93	4058	284 acres
1993-94 (April to July, 1993)	1874	164 acres

Apart from removal of encroachments, DDA is concentrating on:—

(i) Fencing of vulnerable land;

(ii) Fighting Court cases to get stay orders vacated;

(iii) Intensified watch and ward.

(c) As reported by DDA, there is already a regular machinery to deal with the problem of encroachment and the emphasis is on preventing encroacrment and in removing all encroachments in the initial stage itself.

Introduction of new courses by IGNOU

*450. SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indira Gandhi National Open University has decided to introduce nine new courses from the next semester;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the University is unable to meet the practical lesson requirements of students at 16 regional and 220 study centres in different parts of the country?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH):

(a) and (b) The IGNOU has been preparing for the launch of a number of new academic programmes which contain several courses in the eighth plan. According to information furnished by IGNOU, the following 9 programmes are under preparation and proposed to be launched during 1994, some early during the year and others later depending upon the preparation and production of course materials and finalisation of the arrangements for their delivery including labouratory experiments and work experience:

(1) Diploma in Early Child Care and Education

(2) Diploma in Nutrition and Health Education

(3) Bachelor's Degree in Nursing

(4) Post Graduate Diploma in Journalism and Mass Communication

(5) Master's Degree in Library Science

(6) Diploma in Computer Applications

(7) Advanced Diploma in Construction Management

(8) Advanced Diploma in Water Resources

(9) Certificate in Tourism

Of them, Diploma in Nutrition and Health Education has already been announced and will commence from the next academic session starting from January, 1994. The announcement of above mentioned programmes is in compliance of the programme of Action of the National Policy on Education 1992 which envisages that the open learning system at the tertiary level should focus attention on education and training in areas related to employment and self-employment.

(c) IGNOU has informed that the programmes which require practical and laboratory session are not offered at all the study centres. These are offered only at selected study centres where arrangemetns for laboratory and practical work is made.

भगवान शिव के मंदिर के रख-रखाव का कार्य

*451. **श्री सुशील कुमार सभाजीराव शिन्दे** : क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री 18 दिसम्बर, 1992 को राज्य सभा में अतारांकित प्रश्न 3878 के दिए गए उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार द्वारा दिए गए आश्वासनों के बावजूद भारतीय पुरातत्व सर्वेक्षण के अन्तर्गत हरीश चन्द्र गढ़ स्थित भगवान शिव के मंदिर का मरम्मत-कार्य अभी तक नहीं किया गया है ;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि मंदिर के रख-रखाव का कार्य केवल कागजों तक ही सीमित है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो इस प्राचीन मंदिर की मरम्मत का काम शुरू करने के लिए सरकार क्या कदम उठाने का विचार रखती है ?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री (श्री अर्जुन सिंह) : (क) और (ख) हरीश चन्द्र गढ़ स्थित शिव मंदिर के मरम्मत कार्य के प्रस्ताव को, हाल ही में, अन्तिम रूप दिया गया है। भारी वर्षा और किले में पहुंचन, मुश्किल होने के कारण कार्य जल्दी शुरू नहीं किया जा सका।